

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 5B shows a U-shaped contact portion 80 having a first leg 81 extending from and unitary with a base portion 82 of a seal 50' and a second leg 83 connected by a bight 84 to the first leg 81. The first and second legs 81 and 83 of the U-shaped contact portion 80 define an open gap 86 therebetween. Upon engaging ~~[[the]]~~ an outer surface 85 of contact portion 80 with the lid 79 of the housing 75 (see Fig. 7), the bight 84 bends because the second leg 83 deflects toward the first leg 81 into the gap 86 therebetween.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 5C shows a third embodiment of a seal, seal 50'', configured in accordance with the present invention, wherein the seal 50'' is hollow, preferably without a vent opening therein. The hollow seal 50'' has a continuous void 88, which is preferably ~~round~~ circular or oval or polygonal in cross section, and which deforms in a radial direction when compressed by ~~[[a]]~~ the lid 79 of the housing 75 ~~cover~~.